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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLESTON SC
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...WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA...

TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY DECEMBER 6 IS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

TODAY WE WILL REVIEW THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WINTER WEATHER
WATCH...WARNING AND ADVISORY PROGRAM. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
STRIVES TO ISSUE OUTLOOKS...WATCHES...WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES IN
ADVANCE OF A WINTER STORM TO AFFORD YOU AMPLE PREPARATION TIME.

SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE OF A SIGNIFICANT WINTER STORM OR COLD
WEATHER OUTBREAK...WE WILL HIGHLIGHT THE THREAT WITHIN OUR HAZARDOUS
WEATHER OUTLOOK PRODUCT. WE RESERVE THESE OUTLOOKS FOR FUTURE EVENTS
WHICH HAVE AT LEAST A 30 PERCENT CHANCE TO PRODUCE HAZARDOUS
CONDITIONS.

WHEN THE PROBABILITY OF A SIGNIFICANT WINTER WEATHER EVENT BECOMES
AT LEAST 50 PERCENT WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS...WE WILL ISSUE A WINTER
STORM WATCH FOR THE APPROPRIATE COUNTIES. A WATCH MEANS THAT
CONDITIONS ARE BECOMING FAVORABLE FOR A SIGNIFICANT EVENT AND THAT
YOUR SHOULD PREPARE TO IMPLEMENT YOUR WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS PLAN.

WHEN THE PROBABILITY OF A HAZARDOUS WINTER WEATHER EVENT INCREASES
TO 80 PERCENT OR GREATER...USUALLY WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO...WE
WILL ISSUE A WINTER STORM WARNING OR A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY.
WE WILL THEN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE UPDATED INFORMATION THROUGH THE
DURATION OF THE STORM.

A WINTER STORM WARNING MEANS THAT A WINTER WEATHER EVENT WILL
THREATEN LIVES AND PROPERTY. EXAMPLES OF WARNINGS INCLUDE...ICE
STORM WARNINGS...BLIZZARD WARNINGS AND WINTER STORM WARNINGS FOR
HEAVY SNOW. WHEN WE ISSUE A WARNING FOR YOUR AREA...YOU SHOULD
IMPLEMENT YOUR WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS PLAN.

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY MEANS THAT WINTER PRECIPITATION OR COLD
TEMPERATURES WILL PRODUCE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND SIGNIFICANT
INCONVENIENCE BUT WILL NOT ENDANGER LIFE AND PROPERTY. EXAMPLES
INCLUDE A WIND CHILL ADVISORY...FREEZING RAIN ADVISORY AND WINTER
WEATHER ADVISORY FOR SNOW.

YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR OUTLOOKS...WATCHES...WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES
DICTATES THE SUCCESS OF OUR SERVICES. FRIDAY...WE WILL BRIEFLY
DISCUSS WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS PLANS.

CHECK OUT ADDITIONAL WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK INFORMATION ON
OUR WEB PAGE AT WWW/ERH.NOAA.GOV/CHS/...AS WELL ON FACEBOOK AT
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/US.NATIONALWEATHERSERVICE.CHARLESTONSC.GOV. YOU CAN
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